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MY DEAR FRIEND HAROLD,

I WAS WAITING UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH, WHEN I GET PAID, TO WRITE YOU, SO THAT I COULD SEND YOU THE ENCLOSED CHECK. I SEND IT TO YOU IN FRIENDSHIP, IN THE HOPE THAT YOU CAN USE IT TO FURTHER YOUR EFFORTS TOWARD GETTING THE TRUTH ABOUT THE ASSASSINATIONS.

I HAVE JUST READ THE EXCELLENT 11/22 WASHINGTON POST STORY ABOUT YOUR NEW BOOK. IT SOUNDS FABULOUS. IF AND WHEN POSSIBLE, PLEASE SEND ME A COPY, AND IF THERE IS ANYTHING LEFT FROM WHAT I'VE SENT YOU, PLEASE RESERVE A COPY TO GIVE TO CONGRESSMAN TRENT LOTT, WHEN YOU MEET HIM.

IN THAT REGARD, I HAVE MET WITH HIM AGAIN MYSELF, AND HAVE ALSO WRITTEN TO HIM ASKING HIM TO MEET WITH YOU.

I UNDERSTAND AND SHARE YOUR CONCERN THAT THE RECENT MOVES BY CONGRESSMAN GONZALEZ FOR A RE-OPENING IS SUPPORTED BY SOME OF THE LESS RESPONSIBLE ELEMENTS. HOWEVER, I DO HAVE A LOT OF RESPECT FOR, AND CONFIDENCE IN, HIM. WE HAVE CORRESPONDED A GREAT DEAL LATELY, AND IF I CAN, I'LL ENCLOSE COPIES. HE IS AN EXTREMELY NICE MAN, AND SENT ME A LOVELY GIFT OF A LEATHER CASE WITH A NAIL FILE, POCKET COMB, NOTE PAD + PEN, + TWO MONEY COMPARTMENTS.

ALSO, WHEN HE INTRODUCES HIS BILL ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE, IT WILL GO TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, AND WILL THEN BE THEIR BALL GAME, NOT HIS. WHICH IS WHY I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH LOTT.

ONE SMALL AND INSIGNIFICANT FOOTNOTE,
JUST IN CASE YOUR MIND HAD GONE BACK TO ^{THE OLD DAYS.} ~~THE~~.
I RECENTLY TELEPHONED THE LAW OFFICES OF
TUCKER, SHONEKAS & GARRISON IN NEW ORLEANS, TO
SPEAK WITH THE LATTER ABOUT THESE MATTERS. THE
RECEPTIONIST SAID WITH A SIGH OF RESIGNATION, "HE'S
NOT HERE, OPERATOR. IF HE DOES COME IN, IT WON'T
BE UNTIL PAST NOON SOMETIME."

SO IT SEEMS OUR OLD FRIEND IS JUST
DRIFTING ALONG. HOW HIS PARTNERS PUT UP WITH
IT, I NEITHER KNOW NOR ANY LONGER CARE. ANY GLIMMER
OF HOPE I MIGHT HAVE HAD THAT HIS CONCERN ABOUT
THE ASSASSINATIONS MIGHT EXTEND HAS COMPLETELY
FADED. WELL, SO MUCH FOR THAT, AND FOR HIM.

(ONE ^{PERSONAL} ~~A~~ THING YOU'LL BE GLAD TO KNOW, THOUGH.
HE DID GET A \$109,000 JUDGMENT FROM HOTEL
DIEU.)

BACK TO MORE IMPORTANT MATTERS. I LOOK
FORWARD TO YOUR NEW BOOK. LET'S GET TOGETHER AGAIN
SOON, AND PLEASE WRITE ME WHEN YOU CAN.

YOUR FRIEND ALWAYS,

Jim